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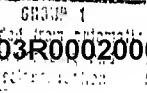
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Description of DD/E&T Activities to PFIAB by
Dr. Albert D. Wheelon

1. In opening the meeting, the Chairman, Mr. Clifford, indicated that the Board had a particular and pressing interest in the NRP. He requested Dr. Wheelon to describe the background of the NRO, and comment upon its workability rather than proceeding with the presentation which he had prepared. Dr. Wheelon pointed out that he had advised Admiral Raborn not to sign the extant NRO Agreement, but had agreed wholeheartedly to support it if Admiral Raborn did accept the agreement. In view of this situation, Dr. Wheelon said he would prefer not to discuss this subject unless Admiral Raborn could be present. The Chairman then stated that the Committee was very concerned because they had now heard the principal participants in the program both state that they felt that the organization was unworkable in its present form. Mr. Clifford referred to a presentation by Dr. McMillan as acrimonious in part, and said that Dr. McMillan felt the agreement left too much to negotiation. Mr. Clifford then pointed out the vital position of the program in the national intelligence effort, and indirectly urged Dr. Wheelon to address the question. Again Dr. Wheelon deferred, but he indicated that he would be available at the Committee's convenience to address this subject after Admiral Raborn had been contacted.

2. Mr. Clifford indicated that it would be appreciated if the presentation could be limited to approximately one half hour in order to allow the Committee time for consideration of other pressing matters in Executive Session.

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3. Dr. Wheelon described the total scope of DD/S&T activity extending from research to the production of finished intelligence.

4. There were several questions about the portion of the DD/S&T budget used for support of the NRO. The Committee was informed that approximately [redacted] budget of DD/S&T was used for salary support of NRO, and essentially salaries constitute the only support in that budget to the NRO program, although the NRO program absorbed approximately [redacted] of the DD/S&T manpower. In answer to a direct question, Dr. Wheelon stated that none of this money was used for the direct accomplishment of reconnaissance, and that the only substantial expenditure for equipment was for the development of the [redacted] for which the NRO had refused to provide funds.

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5. Dr. Wheelon pointed out in particular the rapid development of depth in technical capability in DD/S&T citing the number of Ph. D's now aboard as well as those with advanced degrees.

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6. It was pointed out that only approximately 10%, something in the order of [redacted] was spent for actual research and this was compared to the amount of money spent for research in ARPA, where approximately [redacted] is spent for materials research alone. It was explained that there was no desire to make direct comparisons between Pentagon and CIA budgets, but that these numbers were useful for illustrative purposes.

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7. The structure of the DD/S&T was discussed and the functions of the various organizations explained. In response to a direct question about how DD/S&T gets work done, Dr. Wheelon pointed out that this varies from extreme of funding through ONR for such things as [redacted] to total accomplishment of research in-house as typified by [redacted] work for which no appropriate experience exists in industry.

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8. Dr. Land asked if we had yet found relationships to [redacted]

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10. Dr. Wheelon mentioned a number of items which he thought were important but too detailed to give appropriate treatment in the limited length of time, and expressed the hope that the Committee would find time for presentation on these separate subjects later. These included review of recent work and advances in [redacted] the quality ELINT program, and a fuller discussion of [redacted] work, as well as the discussion of the NRO.

11. The Committee appeared to be interested but did not probe in any particular areas. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Clifford again expressed his intention to contact Admiral Raborn so that a discussion of the NRO Agreement would be held tomorrow.

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